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TO : EIC Secretariat

FROM : EIC Subcommittee on Population and Manpower

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Subcommittee on Population and Manpower
for Fiscal Year 1960

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year.

1. Review of the Intelligence Production in the Subcommittee's
Field of Competence.

At a meeting on 10 May the Subcommittee reviewed the tentative research plans of member agencies for FY 1961. The Subcommittee found that the present and planned research activities are not duplicative, but rather are complementary and mutually beneficial.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies.

a. Research Deficiencies.

The current statement of Priority Deficiencies of Research in the field of population and manpower in the Sino-Soviet Bloc was approved in March 1954. Two critical deficiencies were listed: productivity of labor, and population and manpower resources of regional and urban areas. The research programs of member agencies have for the past 6 years been directed toward meeting these deficiencies. The failure of Bloc countries to provide output and employment data in sufficient detail continues to impede the making of satisfactory labor productivity studies. However, the research effort of past years on the USSR as well as the increasing amount of literature on the subject emanating from the USSR have enhanced the likelihood of successful research in depth in this area of critical deficiency. Accordingly, Census and CIA are devoting an increasing amount of research effort to more detailed distributions of employment to pave the way for more intensive analysis of labor productivity. The preparation of estimates of population and manpower resources for regional and urban areas in all bloc countries -- of critical importance for military intelligence -- is proceeding. For the USSR, these efforts have been greatly aided by data made available from the 1959 census of population.

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At its meeting of 10 May, the subcommittee agreed to add a third priority research deficiency -- total, industrial, and agricultural wages and income levels. Research in this area has in the past been inhibited because of the paucity of information. An increasing amount of information is now becoming available. Research efforts on this deficiency -- primarily by CIA -- are currently being concentrated on the USSR and China.

2. Collection Deficiencies.

At its meeting of 10 May, the subcommittee agreed on a statement of Priority Collection Deficiencies on population and manpower which has been forwarded to the EIC. The deficiencies listed were as follows: (1) forced, "volunteer", and army labor; (2) unemployment and underemployment; (3) hours worked; (4) internal migration; (5) wages and other income; (6) quality of management; and (7) incidence of diseases.

CIA/ORR has not prepared statements of priority gaps in intelligence in the field of population and manpower.

3. Review of Substantive Papers.

No substantive papers were reviewed.

4. Review of Proposals for External Research.

No proposal for new external research was submitted to the Subcommittee during the year. Air discontinued its support of the Census program at the end of FY 1960.

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5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics.

At its meeting on 10 May the Subcommittee agreed on a set of population estimates for countries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc in selected years, 1938-75. The estimates are those given on CIA's so-called "Population Wall Chart." The Subcommittee plans to review these estimates annually, or oftener if needed, and will consider next year the desirability of adopting "agreed basic population statistics" for other countries. The draft paper presenting the "agreed basic population statistics" for Sino-Soviet Bloc countries is now being reviewed by Subcommittee members and will be forwarded shortly through the EIC Secretariat for publication.

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6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC.

No such projects were undertaken or proposed.

7. Intelligence Research Techniques.

The Subcommittee did not concern itself with intelligence research techniques during the year.

8. Special Coordinating Functions of the Subcommittee.

No special coordinating functions were undertaken during FY 1960.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee believes that its activities provide a useful means for coordinating the research on population and manpower within the intelligence community and for eliminating duplication of effort. The Subcommittee also serves a useful function in acquainting its members and their agencies with research problems, techniques, and findings on problems of mutual concern.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee plans to engage in the following major activities during FY 1961:

1. To review the current statement of Agreed Basic Population Statistics.
2. To continue the annual review of agency research problems and external research proposals, in order to avoid duplication of effort.
3. If appropriate, to discuss and assess the intelligence implications of census data which presumably will be released by the USSR and some of the Satellites during FY 1961.
4. If appropriate, to hear and comment upon the more important substantive reports prepared by member agencies.

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